

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
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ALCOHOLISM AND NARCOTICS & DANGEROUS DRUGS COMMISSION

On September 29, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved a recommendation by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to consolidate the advisory bodies to the Board and the Department of Public Health's Alcohol and Drug Program Administration, the Commission on Alcoholism, and the Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Commission effective December 1, 2009. The Board also instructed the CEO with a plan to implement this action, including any necessary County Code changes. The proposed establishment of the Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs will be a more efficient body focused on effectively addressing substance abuse issues throughout the County of Los Angeles. However, the current recommendation severely limits the number of commission appointees some with over 20 years of experience in the field of alcohol and drug program policy and administration. Furthermore, it severely limits the Board appointment authority to nominate commissioners in other fields such as children services or law enforcement that could positively impact and shape public policy discussion.

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Antonovich	_____
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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Public Health to implement recommended action plans with the following amendments:

- 1) Consolidate the Commission on Alcoholism and Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs giving the Board authority to appoint four commissioners per Board office.
Members may come from alcohol, drug prevention, treatment, recovery services, but may also include children's services, justice, social services, health services, etc.; and
- 2) No more than one seat appointed by each Board office shall be an individual affiliated with an organization providing alcohol and other drug prevention and treatment services.

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